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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,353,709 b1, dated March 5, 2002, issued to Miyazaki et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,868,666, dated February 9, 1999, issued to Okada et al.;
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 61-61586, published March 29, 1986 together with an English language abstract;

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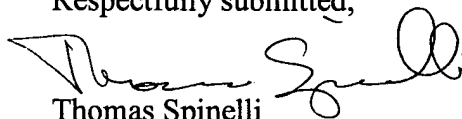

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 7-184109, published July 21, 1995 together with an English language abstract;
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-267166, published September 29, 2000 together with an English language abstract; and
6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 4-245887, published September 2, 1992 together with an English language abstract.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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